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MEETING

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, WE SUBMIT HERewith A LIST OF
QUESTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WHICH MIGHT BE ADDRESS-
ED TO THE PRESIDENT DURING THE TOWN MEETING IN BERLIN:

2. US-SOVIET RELATIONS. A. DOES THE RECENT
DETERIORATION IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS PRESAGE A
RETURN TO THE COLD WAR? B. HOW ARE YOU PREPARED TO
BACK UP YOUR THREAT OF "CONFRONTATION" IF THE SOVIETS
CONTINUE TO FOMENT TROUBLE IN AFRICA? C. ISN'T US
RHETORIC ON SOVIET/CUBAN AGGRESSION IN AFRICA DESIGNED
TO COVER UP A LACK OF WILL TO OPPOSE THE COMMUNISTS?
D. DON'T YOUR HARSH STATEMENTS ON SOVIET POLICY POSE
A RISK TO DETENTE AND THE SECURITY OF BERLIN? E. HOW
DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR PUBLIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOUR
ADVISORS ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS?

3. US FOREIGN POLICY. A. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO
DEFINITE THEME TO YOUR FOREIGN POLICY. ISN'T IT
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INCONSISTENT? B. WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL OUTLINES OF
YOUR FOREIGN POLICY?

4. HUMAN RIGHTS. A. ISN'T YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY
INCONSISTENT IN THAT YOU SOFT PEDAL VIOLATIONS BY MAJOR
POWERS SUCH AS THE SOVIET UNION OR IN FRIENDLY COUNTRIES
SUCH AS IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA? B. WHAT ARE YOU PREPARED

TO DO ABOUT VIOLATIONS IN ARGENTINA? C. DOESN'T YOUR STRONG CRITICISM OF COMMUNIST POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS RUN THE RISK OF ENDANGERING CONCRETE GAINS OF DETENTE SUCH AS EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS FROM EASTERN EUROPE?

5. AFRICA. A. WHY ISN'T THE US DOING MORE TO PREVENT COMMUNIST IMPERIALISM IN AFRICA? B. IS THERE REALLY A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FRENCH SUPPORT FOR CHAD AND CUBAN ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA? C. WHY IS THE US SUPPORT-ING A MARXIST TAKEOVER OF RHODESIA? D. WHY ARE YOU OPPOSED TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT? E. WHY DO YOU ATTACK THE LAST BULWARK OF THE WEST IN AFRICA -- SOUTH AFRICA? F. WILL THE US SUPPORT AN ECONOMIC EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA? G. WHY DON'T YOU SUPPORT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM IN AFRICA? H. WHY ARE YOU SUPPORTING A CORRUPT LEADER LIKE MOBUTU? I. ISN'T THERE A RISK THAT YOUR SUPPORT FOR SWAPO WILL LEAD TO A MASSACRE OF WHITES IN NAMIBIA (MANY OF WHOM ARE GERMANS OR ETHNIC GERMANS) SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH TOOK PLACE IN SHABA?

6. CHINA. A. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BRZEZINSKI'S RECENT TRIP TO CHINA? B. IS THE US PLAYING THE "CHINA CARD?"

7. MIDDLE EAST. A. WHAT ARE PROSPECTS FOR A SETTLE-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENT IN THE AREA? B. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ACHIEVE A MORE FLEXIBLE ISRAELI POSITION ON SADAT'S INITIATIVE?

8. SECURITY. A. IN A SURPRISE ATTACK, THE EAST WILL PRESUMABLY CAPTURE AT LEAST SOME WEST GERMAN TERRITORY AT THE OUTSET. WOULD THE UNITED STATES BE WILLING TO RISK NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION UPON ITSELF IN ORDER TO REESTABLISH PRE-WAR BOUNDARIES, I.E., TO PUSH THE EASTERN FORCES BACK A FEW KILOMETERS? B. IS THE US REALLY PREPARED TO RISK NUCLEAR WAR TO DEFEND BERLIN AND THE FRG? C. WHAT IS THE US DOING TO MATCH THE GROWTH IN SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH? D. WHY IS THE US REDUCING ITS SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM AT A TIME WHEN THE SOVIET NAVY IS GROWING AND THE ATLANTIC SUPPLY ROUTES TO EUROPE ARE BECOMING MORE VULNERABLE? WOULD THE US HAVE THE NAVAL POWER TO PROTECT THE OIL SUPPLY ROUTES FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO EUROPE IN A WORLD EMERGENCY? E. WHY DID YOU PUT OFF A DECISION ON THE NEUTRON WEAPON AFTER MOST OF YOUR ALLIES, INCLUDING THE FRG, WERE LEAN-

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ING TOWARD SUPPORTING ITS DEPLOYMENT IN EUROPE? F.
HAVEN'T YOUR DECISIONS ON THE NEUTRON WEAPON AND THE
B-1 BOMBER WEAKENED US DEFENSE? G. WHY DON'T YOU
ACCEPT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO BAN FOREVER THE INHUMAN
NEUTRON BOMB? H. HOW CAN THE US AND THE OTHER NATO
COUNTRIES TALK SERIOUSLY ABOUT DISARMAMENT AFTER NATO'S
DECISION GRADUALLY TO INCREASE ITS BUDGET FOR WAR?
I. WHEN WILL WE SEE SOME REAL MOVEMENT ON THE "TWO-WAY
STREET" TO WHICH YOU ARE PERSONALLY COMMITTED? J. WHY
DID THE US REFUSE TO PURCHASE THE LEOPARD TANK, WHICH
IS CLEARLY SUPERIOR TO ITS AMERICAN COUNTERPART? K.
WILL THE GERMAN TANK GUN BE REJECTED BY THE US CONGRESS?
L. WHY DOES NATO NEED THE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE AIRBORNE
EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (AWACS)? M. INSTEAD OF SPENDING
MONEY FOR AWACS, WOULDN'T IT BE MORE LOGICAL FOR THE FRG
TO PROCURE ADDITIONAL TANKS AND MORE ANTI-TANK WEAPONRY?

9. SALT. A. DOESN'T US COLD WAR RHETORIC ENDANGER
PROSPECTS FOR SALT? B. IS THERE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE
SALT NEGOTIATIONS AND SOVIET ACTIONS IN AFRICA? C.
AREN'T YOU RUNNING SERIOUS RISKS BY AGREEING TO SOVIET
DEMANDS FOR LIMITATIONS ON CRUISE MISSILES? D. WHY
ARE THERE NO SIMILAR LIMITATIONS ON THE BACKFIRE BOMBER?
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E. DOES YOUR NEGOTIATING STRATEGY ON SALT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE THREAT TO WESTERN EUROPE POSED BY SOVIET MEDIUM RANGE MISSILES? F. ARE YOU CONSULTING WITH YOUR ALLIES ON SALT?

10. MBFR. A. HOW DO YOU ASSESS THE PROPOSAL MADE RECENTLY BY THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER WARSAW PACT PARTICIPANTS? B. ARE THE NEGOTIATIONS ENTERING "A NEW PHASE" AS CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS SUGGESTED? C. HOW DO YOU VIEW THE CHANCES FOR PROGRESS IN THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, GIVEN THE CURRENT STATE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS? D. IS THERE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PROGRESS IN SALT II AND PROGRESS AT MBFR?

11. ECONOMIC ISSUES. A. WHAT POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS DO YOU FORESEE COMING OUT OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN BONN NEXT WEEK? B. THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN DEBATING THE PASSAGE OF YOUR ENERGY PROPOSAL FOR MORE THAN A YEAR NOW. WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION THIS YEAR? AND WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE TO DO, IF THE CONGRESS FAILS TO ENACT ENERGY LEGISLATION? C. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE US USES MORE ENERGY PER CAPITA THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO REDUCE ENERGY WASTE IN YOUR COUNTRY? D. MANY EXPERTS PREDICT SHORTAGES OF OIL AND OTHER RAW MATERIALS IN THE FUTURE. WHAT IS THE USA DOING TO PROMOTE EXPLORATION AND INVESTMENT IN THE THIRD WORLD TO HELP OPEN UP THE NEW RESOURCES THAT THE WORLD NEEDS? E. IN YOUR SPEECHES YOU HAVE SAID THAT INCREASED AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS IN THE SELF-INTEREST OF THE US AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL NATIONS. WHY THEN DOES THE US CONTRIBUTE A SMALLER AND SMALLER PROPORTION OF ITS GNP AS AID TO THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES? F. IN BOTH THE US AND EUROPE THERE IS

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GROWING "DIRIGISME" AND STRONG PRESSURE FOR PROTECTIONISM AGAINST IMPORTS. WHAT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN BY THE US TO COUNTERACT THESE TENDENCIES? G. WHY DOES THE US DISCOURAGE THROUGH ITS RESTRICTIVE EXPORT POLICY, THE WIDESPREAD APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY? H. WHY IS THE US OPPOSED TO BREEDER REACTOR COMMERCIALIZATION WHEN COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE FRG, WHICH DO NOT HAVE INDIGENOUS URANIUM, MUST HAVE BREEDERS FOR THEIR FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS? I. LAST YEAR THE US FORD MOTOR CO. WAS CONSIDERING BUT REJECTED BERLIN AS A SITE TO BUILD A NEW AUTOMOBILE FACTORY WHICH WOULD HAVE BROUGHT NEW JOBS TO OUR CITY. WHAT IS THE US DOING TO HELP PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF BERLIN? J. WILL THE US SUPPORT THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES' PLANS TO ESTABLISH STRONGER LINKS AMONG THEIR CURRENCIES? K. DOESN'T THE RECENT EXPLOSION

IN US INFLATION INDICATE THAT STIMULATORY FISCAL POLICIES
ENDANGER ECONOMIC STABILITY? L. DOESN'T THE CALIFORNIA
VOTE ON PREPOSITION 13 INDICATE THAT AMERICANS ARE (AS
ARE EUROPEANS) CONCERNED ABOUT TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT
INTERFERENCE IN THE ECONOMY? M. ISN'T THE WEAKNESS
OF THE DOLLAR CONTRIBUTING TO THE INSTABILITY OF THE
WORLD ECONOMY AND WHAT WILL THE US DO ABOUT IT?
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